

EAST COVENTRY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2018

Attendance: Gail Brown (Chairperson), Penny Morton (Secretary), Ann Keen (Member), Larry Tietjen (Planning Commission Liaison/Member), Kathleen McDermott (Member). Absent: Scott Fitzgerald (Vice Chairperson).

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by G. Brown, Chairperson.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes: We could not vote on the meeting minutes of Wednesday, January 10, 2018 because of no quorum, therefore we will consider them at our March, 2018 regular meeting.

New Business

1. Fricks Locks Stakeholders meeting, Thursday, February 1, 2018 was held at Schuylkill River Greenways, Pottstown, Pa. G. Brown and B. Rodgers gave a report on Fricks Locks Village damage from vandalism through the winter after they completed a walk-through on Wednesday, January 31, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. G. Brown prepared a list of damages and submitted them to B. Rodgers, Township Manager, for review. B. Rodgers to forward to Emily Ryan, Exelon, for action. Mr. Halderman to assess security/alarm systems. Exelon will look into improvements to village maintenance, repairs, signs and barriers. A letter should be sent to the Exelon Maintenance Manager requesting help with repairs. The Trailhead Project construction is set to begin in spring, 2019 and completed by spring, 2020.
2. National History Day Volunteers: Chester County Historical Society requests volunteers to judge and support the program.
3. 2018 Fricks Locks Town Tour: The title, "The Birth of a Canal Village" was selected as the theme. G. Brown wrote a short tour description for the brochure.
4. Landscapes 3 Planning Meeting: people from the townships are being asked to participate in the County Comprehensive Plan.
5. Chester County Historic Preservation Network: the 2018 Spring Workshop will be held Saturday, March 10, 2018 at the Brandywine Conservancy. This year's focus is "refining our local commitment to historic preservation."
6. Fairview Schoolhouse: K. McDermott did research on the schoolhouse at the Chester County Archives and prepared a report of her findings which was distributed to all members. She also contacted West Chester University and other sources for information. The schoolhouse was built between 1847 and 1856 on land purchased from Michael March for \$30.

Old Business

1. East Coventry 2018 Spring Newsletter: Contained two articles written by P. Morton and G. Brown.
2. Chester County Municipal Historic Preservation Leadership Luncheon was held on Saturday, January 20, 2018 and was attended by G. Brown who provided meeting information. Two books were given as gifts for our township archives:
 - "Preserving Our Place" – Historic Preservation Planning Manual for Chester County Communities, Chester County Planning Commission, 1998.
 - "Pennsylvania Architecture" - The Historic Americans Buildings Survey 1933-1990, Deborah Stephens Burns and Richard J. Webster; 2000.
3. Notification of 2018 Fricks Locks Tours Schedule: G. Brown will notify Exelon, Schuylkill Greenway, and Iron and Steel Heritage Tours.

Planning Commission Liaison Report – L. Tietjen

No developers came in last month, so no new activity. Vaughn Rd. Minor Subdivision will be reviewed next month. The Planning Commission is in receipt of the land development review for preliminary minor division of 886 Vaughn Rd., Pottstown, Pa.

Committees

1. Archives Committee: A. Keen (Chairperson). Filing is caught up. Ann is donating 6 funeral cards from her grandfather dated 1915-1916 which announce funeral plans.
2. Oral History Committee: K. McDermott (Chairperson). We received a release from Isabel Rosewarne, age 100, for her oral history.
3. Fricks Locks Volunteer Committee: G. Brown, P. Morton, S. Fitzgerald (Co-Chairpersons). We will start planning for Town Tour/Village Walk next month.

Other Business

At the Monday, February 12, 2018 Township Board of Supervisors Meeting, they approved Phase I Assessment-Fricks Locks Village Proposal 18-7569 submitted by Boucher & Jones, Inc., Consulting Engineers.

Adjournment

A motion was made by A. Keen to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. and was seconded by L. Tietjen. Approved 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,



Penny Morton, Secretary